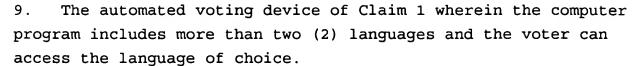
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. An automated voting device comprising:
 - a voting station having an integrated computer program using an integrated pointing device;
 - b) a graphical user interface for displaying information and ballots;
 - c) a counter for counting votes;
 - d) said counted votes displayed on said interface;
 - e) said computer program includes the ability for the voter to write in votes and record the write in votes;
 - f) said votes stored in multiple places in said program for retrieval;
 - g) test programs to verify the accuracy of the voting station pre and post election.
- 2. The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein said voting station includes at least two (2) security check operations.
- 3. The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein one (1) of said security operations is an external device inserted into said voting device to activate said voting device.
- 4. The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein one (1) of said security operations is the entry of an internal password provided by the election authority.
- 5. The automated voting device of Claim 2 wherein a seal provided by the election authorities is a fixed to said voting device, said seal numbers recorded separately from said station.

 6. The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein the touch screen is the only interface between the voter and the automated voting station.
- 7. The automated voting station of Claim 1 wherein the computer program permits the voter to void his ballot prior to casting.
- 8. The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein the automated voting device is interconnected to other like stations and one of said automated voting stations selected to control the remaining voting stations.



- 10. The automated computer device of Claim 1 wherein the voter confirms on said interface all selections made by poll watchers and as portrayed on the interface.
- 11. The automated voting device of Claim 1 wherein a printer connected to said voting station for printing results of the vote on said station.
- 12. The automated voting device of Claim 8 wherein the plurality of interconnected voting stations are controlled as to the selection of valid information by the controlling voting station.
- 13. The automated voting device of Claim 8 wherein said controlling voting station is programmed to transfer data regarding the voting to other locations while maintaining the vote results from individual voting devices separate.
- 14. The method of using individual computer voting stations and computer networking of said voter stations for automated voting comprising the steps of:
 - a) activating each of said individual computer voting stations utilizing security operations;
 - b) testing for program accuracy with preelection check program;
 - c) authorizing by code for each voter activation of a ballot on an individual voting station;
 - d) interactively displaying ballot information on screens and receiving voter input from said individual computer station;
- 15. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of recording and tabulating each vote entered by each voter in said voting station.
- 16. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of inactivating the vote capability of each individual station.

- 17. The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of transferring information to a related printer and printing out the recorded information from said individual voting station.
- 18. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of inactivating said individual voting stations.
- 19. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of testing the individual voting units for post election accuracy.
- 20. The method of Claim 13 and further comprising the step of inactivating and removing the security signals from individual stations.
- 21. The method of Claim 14 and further comprising the step of interconnecting a plurality of said individual voting stations.
- 22. The method of Claim 21 and further comprising the step of selecting one (1) of the individual voting stations to become a controlling poll official station.
- 23. The method Claim 21 wherein comprising the further step of said controlling poll official station authorizing the code for each voter activation of the ballot on an individual voting station.

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